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SUBJ: INDO-PAK TALKS SOON

REF: ISLAMABAD 4208, NEW DELHI 6002

1. THE NEW DELHI PRESS GAVE PROMINENT PLAY TODAY, APRIL 28, TO A STORY WHICH WE ASSUME CAME FROM THE MEA REPORTING TALKS WOULD TAKE PLACE IN ISLAMABAD VERY SOON. THE PRESS REPORT SAID THAT INDIA WELCOMED THE ACCEPTANCE BY PAKISTANI PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO OF MRS GANDHI'S PROPOSAL FOR HOLDING EARLY OFFICIAL LEVEL TALKS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. IT SAID THAT A REPLY ACCEPTING MRS GANDHI'S PROPOSAL HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM MR BHUTTO AND REPORTED THAT THE FOREIGN
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SECRETARIES OF THE TWO COUNTRIES WERE IN TOUCH WITH

EACH OTHER TO RESOLVE THE DETAILS. THE NEW DELHI PRESS ALSO REPORTED THAT TECHNICAL-LEVEL DISCUSSIONS ON THE SALAL DAM WERE NOW TAKING PLACE IN NEW DELHI AT INDIA'S INITIATIVE.

2. IN A CALL AT THE MEA ON APRIL 27, PAKAF DIVISION DEPUTY SECRETARY S.N. PURI TOLD VISITING EMBOFF ARCHARD THAT HE (PURI) HAD NO DATES FOR THE BEGINNING OF TALKS, NOR COULD HE PREDICT WHO WOULD MAKE UP THE INDIAN DELEGATION, BUT PURI ALSO SAID HE THOUGHT THE TALKS WOULD TAKE PLACE SOON. PURI DID SAY THE SALAL TALKS WERE THEN IN PROGRESS.
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